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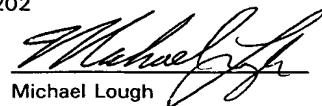
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action, mailed December 31, 2002, for filing in connection with the above-identified application.

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including the fee for the extension of time, that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed on December 31, 2002, entry of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Any fees that may be due, including those indicated as submitted, that may be due in connection with filing this paper or with this application during its pendency may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

The Office Communication alleges that the amendment and response filed on October 16, 2002, is not fully responsive because it is unclear as to what species Applicant wishes to elect for prosecution in the present application.

The Examiner is thanked for her courtesy extended in granting a telephonic interview to clarify the Election of Species and pending claims. As discussed in the telephonic interview, it is respectfully submitted that applicant



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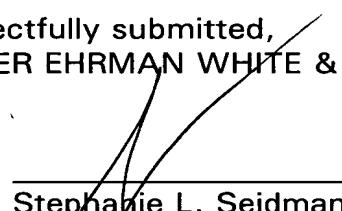
has elected the species represented by formula Ia, drawn to liquid phase carriers which do not contain 2'-deoxythymidine-3'-O-yl. This election was acknowledged in the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002. It is further noted that currently pending claims 5-7, 11-16, 29, 33-37, 39, 45 and 49, read on the elected species.

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In view of the above, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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